

GEN. PERSHING'S MARCH IS HALTED

PUZZLE OVER
QUESTION OF
MEXICO CASEReports of General Funston
Laid Before President
and Cabinet.

STEPS ARE OUTLINED

Diplomatic Action Taken and
Contemplated Also Be-
ing Studied.

San Antonio, Texas, April 18.—General Bell reporting from El Paso to General Funston gave it as his opinion after as thorough an investigation as he could make, that the report of Villa's death had been manufactured in Juarez. Consul Fletcher who said he had been in communication with Cusiuhirachic also has failed to verify the report.

Washington, April 18.—Secretary Baker said he was still without any information from military sources regarding the reported death of Villa. The Mexican embassy also had no further information.

Washington, April 18.—Secretary Baker laid before the cabinet today long reports from General Funston reviewing the whole situation on the border and in Mexico.

From the state department, the president and cabinet received an outline of the diplomatic steps taken or contemplated since the Carranza government urged the withdrawal of American troops.

A decision as to what course now to pursue is to be reached between the military and diplomatic aspects of the situation.

General Funston's dispatches came last night and are the fullest discussion of his problems he has yet submitted. They contain no mention of the reported death of Villa. That was the only hint of their contents Secretary Baker would reveal. The substance of the messages, the secretary said, was beyond the realm of public discussion at this time. It is understood that the reports show General Pershing's men to be south now of the farthest southern point at which Villa's trail has been even indefinitely located. The pursuit apparently is swinging westward into the more mountainous regions.

Snipers Renew Activities.
Renewed sniping around Parral was not reported to the department, although news dispatches from General Pershing's camp disclosed that American troops had again been fired upon by Carranza troops. War department officials would not discuss the

DOROTHY ARNOLD'S
FATE IS A MYSTERY

New York, April 18.—The family and friends of Miss Dorothy Arnold found neither hope nor comfort in the story of Edward Glennorris, a state convict at Cranston, R. I., purporting to solve the mystery of Miss Arnold's disappearance more than five years ago.

Glennorris said that the missing girl was buried in the cellar of a house outside of West Point, N. Y., where she died in December, 1910, after being brought there in an unconscious condition from New Rochelle, N. Y. He said that he helped bury her body.

The members of the Arnold family and the attorney whom they have employed to run down hundreds of false clues, united in disbelief of the convict's story. The attorney today pointed out several reasons why he believed the latest clue was not worth investigation.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Resumed debate on army reorganization bill with prospects of a vote before adjournment tonight. Sinal inquiry continued.

HOUSE.

Consideration of agricultural appropriation bill resumed.

Amendment to the agricultural bill to provide \$175,000 for investigating potash making to obviate present exclusive annual importation of \$25,000,000 worth from Germany proposed by committee in charge.

Military and naval committees resumed consideration of defense appropriation bills.

Five Dead in
Train Crash
in the East

Bradford, R. I., April 18.—A search of the wreckage resulting from the rear end collision of two trains on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad here last night was still in progress today, in an effort to determine whether it contained any bodies in addition to the five persons who are known to have lost their lives. It was the opinion of many persons who had been at the scene during the night that at least three other passengers had been unable to extricate themselves from the burning mass. The known dead are:

THOMAS BOARDMAN, Westerly, MRS. JEANETTE CLARK, Westerly, daughter of William Clark, president of the Westerly mill of the American Thread company.

MARGARET BLISS, address unknown.

WILLIAM BARBER, Westerly, MRS. OSCAR MARTELLE, South Bridge, Mass.

More than thirty other persons were injured, most of them suffering from cuts and bruises or shock.

All the victims were occupants of the rear car of a local train which had started to run on a siding in front of the Bradford station when the Gilt Edge Express from Boston crashed into it. Coals from the express locomotive and the explosion of a gas tank set fire to the wreckage and the flames spread so rapidly that the nearby station and freight house were destroyed, together with four wooden coaches of the local train. The passengers had much difficulty in climbing out of the demolished cars and those who lost their lives were badly burned.

Washington, April 18.—F. A. Howard and J. P. McArdle, agents of the interstate commerce commission have been ordered from their stations at Springfield from Worcester, Mass., to Bradford, R. I., to investigate last night's wreck on the New Haven railroad.

THE WAR TODAY

On the Russian front along the Dvina river near Dvinsk, the Germans have poured shells on Russian positions and artillery duels are proceeding in the lake region south of Dvinsk. In Galicia along the Strypa river the Germans have made several attempts against Russian trenches but all of them were repulsed according to Petrograd.

In Asiatic Turkey the Russians have pushed the retreating Turks to within 12 miles of the fortified town of Trebizond on the Black Sea. The Russians anticipate an easy conquest of Trebizond as it has recently been heavily fortified.

The recent advance of the British along the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, has been checked by the Turks, according to London's admission.

A successful bombardment of the headquarters of the Bulgarian staff at Doiran by a squad of 22 French aeroplanes is announced in a Saloniki dispatch.

Latest Bulletins

Paris, April 18.—The bombardment of Rheims continues intermittently. On Saturday 28 shells fell in the city during the morning and 40 in the afternoon. On Sunday five shells fell within half an hour and hostile aircraft bombarded during the day.

London, April 18.—According to a dispatch to Lloyd's the Russian bark Schwanden, which left Greenock, Scotland, March 23, for Mobile, Ala., has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The crew was saved.

Washington, April 18.—An armistice has been declared between Chinese rebels and President Yuan Shih-kai and peace negotiations are in progress, the state department has been officially informed.

London, April 18.—A Renter dispatch from Copenhagen says: "A dispatch to the Kieler Zeitung from Wilhelmshaven says there was a great explosion last Friday in the new torpedo works there, a number of persons being killed and others wounded."

Washington, April 18.—A bill authorizing the appropriation of \$15,000,000 for the protection of the Mississippi river against floods and \$5,000,000 for flood protection of the Sacramento river, to be spent in five years, was agreed upon today by the house committee on flood control and was introduced by Chairman Humphrey of Mississippi.

BERLIN GETS
BUSY AS NOTE
IS FINISHEDGermany Suddenly Shows
Great Willingness to Set-
tle the Situation.

COUNT WILL CONFER

Bernstorff Has Meeting With
Lansing—Paper Goes
Forward Today?

Washington, April 18.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has been instructed to inquire of the Austrian government regarding the recent attack without warning by an Austrian submarine on the Russian bark Imperator, carrying two Americans. Secretary Lansing said today that the inquiry was similar to that recently made of the German government regarding the Sussex.

Washington, April 18.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, acting under instructions from his government, will discuss the submarine crisis in general terms with Secretary Lansing at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

It was understood that the ambassador has no instructions to discuss any specific case now in controversy between the two governments but to take up the subject broadly and to seek the viewpoint of the American government in the present situation.

There were some indications today that Ambassador Gerard has been informed by the Berlin foreign office of its desire to meet the wishes of the United States if it is shown that the channel steamer Sussex was destroyed by a submarine in violation of the German government's instruction and that Count Bernstorff was authorized to make such a statement in general terms to Secretary Lansing.

Most Exact Ever Sent.
The American government's communication to Germany designed as the last word of this government in the submarine controversy was being put into diplomatic code today for immediate transmission to Berlin. It is expected to go forward during the day.

The document is said to be the most vigorous diplomatic paper President Wilson and Secretary Lansing ever have drafted. It covers the activities of German submarines since the Lusitania affair and is intended to force the question of a speedy settlement of the submarine issue by making plain that only an immediate change in Berlin's policy can prevent a rupture in the friendly relations between the two countries.

The president probably also will see Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee before the communication is sent to Berlin. The document was discussed today by the president and the cabinet. Secretary Lansing and President Wilson conferred early this morning on the communication.

Torpedoed Without Warning.
London, April 18.—An announcement was issued by the admiralty today corroborating the previous unofficial statement that the British steamship Zent, sunk early this month, was torpedoed without warning. The statement says she did not see the submarine and sank in a very few minutes with a loss of 49 lives.

Regarding the Holland-American freighter Eemdjik which arrived at Southampton, April 11, in a damaged condition as the result of an explosion, the admiralty statement says she was torpedoed by an enemy submarine on April 7, while on a passage from Baltimore to Rotterdam. She had the Dutch colors painted on her sides in four different places and also her name and port of register in large white letters on her sides.

ANCIENT CATHEDRAL
DESTROYED BY FIRE

Rome, April 18.—The ancient cathedral at Andria, near Bari, was destroyed by fire today. The fire began in the residence of the bishop, from which Monsignor Seldi was rescued with difficulty.

Andria in the 13th century was a favorite residence of Emperor Frederick II, two of whose wives were buried in the cathedral.

THRIFT IN THE HOME

TEUTS RENEW
CHARGE UPON
VERDUN LINEViolent Cannonading and In-
fantry Attacks Are
Reported.

Paris, April 18.—French first line trenches in the Verdun region west of the Meuse, from Dead Man's Hill to Cumieres were bombarded yesterday by the Germans. East of the river relative calm prevailed during the night. Yesterday the attack between Douaumont and the Meuse was very violent. The German forces included troops from five different divisions.

East of the Chaufour salient the Germans penetrated a front line trench but were partly ejected.

This information was contained in the French official report given out this afternoon. During the night of April 17 aeroplanes of the enemy threw down seven bombs, one of them being an incendiary missile, on Belfort, the statement says. It has been reported that two persons were killed and six wounded. The material damage was not important.

Berlin, April 18.—French positions on Steinbruch, 700 yards south of Haudremont farm, in the Verdun region, were captured by the Germans in their attack yesterday. The German took prisoners 1,646 unwounded men.

The statement follows:
"Western front—Our artillery extensively bombarded British positions in the region of St. Etienne. We easily repulsed a weak hand grenade attack. On both sides of La Bassée canal and northwest of Loos spirited hand grenade fighting continued.

"Forty-two officers, including three staff officers and 1,646 men were captured in addition to 59 wounded men near Haudremont.

"Attacks of the enemy in and near Callette forest were frustrated by our fire. French artillery was extremely active against our positions on the Woerpe plain, southeast of Verdun and as far as the neighborhood of St. Michel.

"Eastern front—Russian attacks early this morning at the Dvinsk bridgehead on the narrow front south of Garbunovka broke down in front of our positions with heavy losses for the enemy."

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MEMBERS BANQUET

Indianapolis, Ind., April 18.—Indiana members of the Associated Press and their guests gathered here today for their annual banquet, which will be held tonight. A business meeting was held during the morning.

Meredith Nicholson, the author, will be toastmaster at the banquet and the speakers will include Ogden M. Reid, editor of the New York Tribune; former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks; David E. Town, of the Chicago Evening Post and John H. Holliday, the pastor of Indiana newspaper. Among the guests will be the leading business and professional men of the state including Governor Hulsbosch, Booth Tarkington and Kin Hubbard.

Rich German
is Sought in
Teuton Plot

New York, April 18.—Agents of the department of justice sought today the arrest of a man described as wealthy and high in German social circles in this country, as one of the five men indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday for alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal in Canada in September, 1914. His name was not made public with the news of the indictments.

This man was indicted with Captain Franz von Papen, the former German military attaché at Washington who was recalled at the request of the United States government because of his alleged promotion of German propaganda. Others indicted were Captain Hans Tauscher, alleged agent of the Krupp in the United States and husband of Mme. Galski, the prima donna; Alfred A. Fritzen and Constantine Govani.

It is charged that von Papen planned the conspiracy, that Tauscher supplied the explosives and fire arms and that Fritzen and Govani carried the dynamite to Niagara Falls.

SAILORS DEMAND
WAGE INCREASEMen Operating on Coast, Trans-At-
lantic and Great Lakes Vessels
to Assert Selves May 1.

New York, April 18.—Encouraged by the action of several steamship companies in granting the demands of seamen for advances in wages, officers of the International Seamen's Union asserted today that a widespread attempt to put the new wage scale into effect on every craft carrying American sailors would be made on May 1. This, they said, would apply not only to vessels in the Atlantic coast service but to trans-Atlantic steamships and those on the Great Lakes.

In the demands for increased pay are included not only ordinary seamen, but marine engineers, firemen, oilers, coal passers, stewards, cooks and waiters.

ALLIES ORDER 15,000
HORSES FROM IOWA

Des Moines, Iowa, April 18.—Orders from agents of the entente allies for 15,000 horses have been placed with a local firm, it was learned today. The horses, it was said, are to be used for the light artillery and will be sent immediately to the various battle fronts.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday with occasional showers, not much change in temperature. Temperature at 7 a. m. 50. Highest yesterday 62, lowest last night 48.

Precipitation none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 36, at 7 a. m. 57, at 1 p. m. today 69. Stage of water 14.4, no change from yesterday.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

SAY ASQUITH
IS UNABLE TO
MEET CRISISPrime Minister of England
Delays Speech on Re-
cruiting Question.

London, April 18.—Premier Asquith will not make his expected statement in the house of commons on the recruiting question today according to an official announcement made at 12 Downing street.

The postponement of Premier Asquith's statement on the recruiting question which he had promised to make in the house of commons this afternoon was taken as an indication that the cabinet ministers were unable to reach an agreement on this subject which has brought about the most serious crisis the prime minister has had to meet in his eight years as head of the government.

The decision came as a complete surprise to those not within the inner circle but it later transpired that negotiations had been in progress during the night and early morning with that end in view.

Besides the cabinet meeting there was a conference of the special committee appointed to make a final effort to bring about a solution of the problem but like the cabinet it was unable to reach an agreement and a postponement of the premier's statement became imperative unless an immediate breakup of the coalition was to be faced.

The special committee consisted of David Lloyd George, Field Marshal Kitchener, Sir William Robertson, Walter Hume Long, president of the local government board, and Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education.

Premier Asquith is expected to explain in the house of commons the reasons for the postponement of his statement.

NOTED PAINTER ENDS
LIFE BY TAKING GAS

Chicago, April 18.—Despondency is

believed today to have been the cause of the self-destruction in a shabby studio on the north side here of Francis D. Cavallaro, a painter said to have been noted at one time.

Cavallaro, who was 60 years old, is reputed to have been honored by European royalty and his paintings adorn many churches and theatres, principally in Europe.

According to newspaper clippings found in his room, the artist at one time was the honor guest at a reception in London, headed by the Italian ambassador, when his portrait of the king of Italy was unveiled. Growing age with lessening of commissions made him despondent, and the suicide of a friend recently is believed to have led him to kill himself.

Give Another Wage Increase.

New York, April 18.—The United States Steel corporation today announced another advance in the wages of its employees amounting to 10 per cent effective May 1. This follows a 10 per cent advance made in February. Both together represent a total increase in wage payments of between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

REACH LIMIT
IN CHASE FOR
BANDIT CHIEFAmerican Forces Stop Drive
Into Mexico—Cannot
Go Further.

REFUGEE NOW SAFE

If Quarry Is Beyond Range
of Troops They Cannot
Capture Him.

Camp of General J. J. Pershing, at the front, April 17, by motor and wireless to Columbus, April 18.—The American pursuit of Villa is at a standstill because of the unprovoked attack upon American cavalrymen by the insubordinate soldiers of the Carranza garrison at Parral. At General Pershing's headquarters there seemed no prospect of the resumption of the chase while there were numerous indications that a continuation of the pursuit would meet with armed resistance.

A small party of American officers were fired upon near here last night, none of the Americans being injured. This coming on the heels of other reports of sniping is responsible for the belief that the expeditionary command is confronted with a serious problem.

A report received here from Carranza sources that a Villa colonel, captured near Cusiuhirachic had promised to lead a party to a grave in which Villa was said to have been buried last Friday, is generally discredited by military authorities here.

San Antonio, Texas, April 18.—If Francisco Villa is not dead he has now an excellent opportunity to escape into territory far beyond the most advanced of the American detachments because the punitive force has penetrated about as far south as it is going to go with the present organization. Official admission that it was impossible to extend the main line of communication south of Satevo was taken today to mean that the field of operations would be restricted to that district over which detachments of cavalry with provisions for one or two days could ride. Beyond the arc of that Villa would be safe so far as the Americans are concerned.

Pershing Explains Situation.

General Pershing is believed to have explained in detail this phase of the situation in a report to General Funston and to have made recommendations that more effective facilities for the pursuit of Villa be authorized. The drive of the three cavalry columns to Parral and its environs established the fact that there is no chance of obtaining provisions in that region and that every force sent forward must depend wholly on the quartermasters with the main column for supplies. They were reported to have fallen back to Satevo but whether they have started out again to beat the trails in the district beyond has not been told.

Guard Against Attack.

Officers here regard the Parral incident as indicating clearly that General Pershing's men now have to guard themselves not only against attack by Villa's men but by those detachments of Carranza's army that are antagonistic to his announced attitude of cooperation.

General Funston sent messages today asking that a report be made to him at once on the unofficial rumor that a train load of forage shipped from Juarez to Chihuahua and intended for the American troops had been seized by the Carranza authorities. The arrival of some of the supplies sent to Chihuahua has been reported but no advices that they had reached the army have been received.

General Funston was awaiting today the confirmation of the story that Villa was dead. No American official has sent any report other than repetition of the unconfirmed reports from Mexican officials.

DANVILLE'S VOTERS
SWARMING TO POLLS

Danville, Ill., April 18.—A record vote is being polled in the city election here today. While the local option ballot is not on the ticket, there are wet and dry aldermanic contests in six of the seven wards. There is also a little ballot providing for a bond issue of \$200,000 for a municipal lighting plant, besides three other local propositions.